

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 2, 2006
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; TONI NELSON. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN DAN CLAWSON. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; TINA HARRIS, Domestic Violence Victim Advocate; CHIEF I. DAVID DANIELS, Fire Department; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

PROCLAMATIONS

Fire Prevention Week -
October 8 to 14, 2006

A proclamation by Mayor Keolker was read declaring the week of October 8 to 14, 2006, to be "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Renton in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 persons, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED. Fire Chief Daniels accepted the proclamation with appreciation, and he emphasized that the Fire Department works hard to keep the community safe.

National Domestic Violence
Awareness Month - October
2006

A proclamation by Mayor Keolker was read declaring the month of October 2006 to be "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Renton, and encouraging everyone in the community to take an active role in supporting all victims so they can lead healthy lives safe from violent and abusive behavior. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Tina Harris accepted the proclamation. She expressed appreciation for the City's continued funding of the domestic violence program, and reviewed ways citizens can assist victims of domestic violence. Ms. Harris recognized six people, three of whom were present and introduced, for developing a program called Operation Safe Move as part of their Seattle University masters project. The program helps victims to move from one location to another.

Ms. Harris introduced Pastor Ken Colman, Domestic Violence Task Force Co-Chair, who recognized and named members of the task force. He welcomed those interested in helping with this cause to attend task force meetings.

Added

Energy Star Change a Light
Day - October 4, 2006

A proclamation by Mayor Keolker was read declaring the day of October 4, 2006, to be "Energy Star Change a Light Day" in the City of Renton, and encouraging all citizens to promote energy efficiency and environmental stewardship in every household by installing Energy Star qualified lighting. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING
Annexation: Querin II,
Hoquiam Ave NE

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Keolker opened the public hearing to consider the proposed expanded annexation and zoning of 24 acres bounded by NE Sunset Blvd. on the north, SE 114th St., if extended, on the south, Hoquiam Ave. NE and 141st Ave. SE, if extended, on the west, and 144th Ave. SE on the east (Querin II).

Don Erickson, Senior Planner, reported that five vacant parcels and 17 single-family dwellings exist on this site. The western portion is somewhat hilly, and the eastern portion drops off steeply to Honey Creek. He noted that public services are provided by Fire District #25, Water District #90, Renton sewer, and the Renton School District.

Continuing, Mr. Erickson stated that the site is currently zoned R-4 (four dwelling units per gross acre) in King County. He pointed out that this zoning can bonus up to six dwelling units per gross acre and is comparable to Renton's R-8 (eight dwelling units per net acre) zoning. The City's Comprehensive Plan designates the site as Residential Low Density and Residential Single Family, for which R-4 and R-8 zoning is recommended.

Turning to the fiscal impact analysis, Mr. Erickson pointed out the estimated deficit of \$3,215 at current development, and the estimated surplus of \$22,695 at full development. He noted the one-time parks acquisition and development cost of \$40,498. In conclusion, Mr. Erickson indicated that the proposed expanded annexation is generally consistent with City annexation policies and Boundary Review Board criteria.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL: ACCEPT THE EXPANDED QUERIN II ANNEXATION AS APPROVED BY THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD, CONCURRENTLY ZONE THE NON-STREET PORTIONS OF THE 24-ACRE SITE R-4 AND R-8 CONSISTENT WITH THE RENTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE MAP, AND HOLD FIRST READING OF BOTH THE ANNEXATION AND ZONING ORDINANCES ON 10/9/2006. CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Assistant CAO Marty Wine reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2006 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The 5th Annual Harvest Festival will be held at the Piazza in Downtown Renton on October 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: DeMastus -
Highlands Community
Association Picnic, Fire
Department Attendance

Sandel DeMastus, Highlands Community Association (HCA) Vice President, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, reported that the HCA picnic held on September 23 was well attended and a big success. She expressed her disappointment that Fire Department personnel did not attend the event, pointing out that she had arranged for them to do so. Ms. DeMastus stressed that the participation of the fire department was coordinated and on the schedule, and she questioned why the Fire Chief cancelled participation without coordination with the HCA.

In response to the Mayor's inquiry, Fire Chief Daniels explained that he was not

aware of the request for the Fire Department to attend this particular event. He indicated that some internal communication issues will need to be addressed within the department, and noted that a policy concerning the handling of these kinds of events will be put in place. Chief Daniels emphasized that the misunderstanding was not intentional. Responding to Council inquiries, Chief Daniels confirmed that he did not cancel the Fire Department's participation at the HCA picnic.

Citizen Comment: McOmber -
Highlands Area
Redevelopment, Task Force

Howard McOmber, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, noted the progress made during the preceding Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the formation of the Highlands area citizen task force. He further noted the importance of citizen input towards the vision for the Highlands neighborhood, and he expressed his hope that the task force will be able to openly provide opinions and views, and be part of the decision-making process.

Councilwoman Briere announced that interested parties can e-mail her to obtain a task force membership application.

Citizen Comment: Puckett -
Wonderland Estates Mobile
Home Park, Comp Plan
Amend & Annexation

Jerry Puckett, 15260 Oak Dr., Renton, 98058, indicated that he is a resident of the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park on Maple Valley Hwy. He requested that the proposed Maplewood Addition Annexation and Comprehensive Plan amendment concerning the property be placed on the agenda for consideration as soon as possible. Mr. Puckett stated that the residents are working towards purchasing the park property.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
9/25/2006

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 9/25/2006. Council concur.

Appointment: Municipal Arts
Commission

Mayor Keolker appointed Patricia Riggs, 1700 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #202, Renton, 98056, to the Municipal Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of Denise Bisio, who has resigned (term to expire 12/31/2007). Refer to Community Services Committee.

Vacation: Field Ave NE, ESM
Consulting Engineers, VAC-
06-004

City Clerk submitted petition for street vacation for portion of Field Ave. NE, north of NE 2nd St.; petitioner ESM Consulting Engineers, 33915 1st Way S., #200, Federal Way, 98003. Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Department; set public hearing on 11/6/2006 to consider the petition. (See page 333 for resolution setting public hearing.)

Appeal: The Landing Site
Plan, Alliance for South End,
SA-05-136

City Clerk submitted appeal of Hearing Examiner's decision on matters of standing and jurisdiction for The Landing Master Site Plan and Site Approval; appeal filed on 9/6/2006 by Alliance for South End, represented by Buck & Gordon, LLP, 2025 1st Ave., Suite 500, Seattle, 98121, accompanied by required fee. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

Development Services:
Building Inspector
Combination Hire at Step D

Development Services Division requested authorization to fill a vacant Building Inspector - Combination position at Step D of the salary range. Council concur.

Annexation: Marshall, Duvall
Ave NE & NE Sunset Blvd

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 10% Notice of Intent to Annex petition for the proposed Marshall Annexation and recommended a public meeting be set on 10/16/2006 to consider the petition; 7.6 acres located west of Duvall Ave. NE and north of NE Sunset Blvd. Council concur.

CAG: 04-013, North Renton Infrastructure Improvements, W&H Pacific

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 7 to CAG-04-013, agreement with W&H Pacific, Inc., for design and construction engineering support in the amount of \$123,101.12 for the South Lake Washington Roadway Improvements Project. Council concur.

CAG: 05-078, S 4th St & Burnett Ave S Traffic Improvements, Valley Electric

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-05-078, S. 4th St. and Burnett Ave. S. Traffic Improvements; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$2,084.30, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$10,128.38 to Valley Electric, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Community Services
Committee

Appointment: Parks Commission

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve Mayor Keolker's appointment of Al Dieckman to the Parks Commission for a term expiring on 6/1/2010, and Larry Reymann for a term, previously held by Marjorie Richter, expiring on 6/1/2008. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services: New Park, 233 Union Ave NE, 1% for Art Project

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve etched stainless steel curved panels as a public 1% for Art project at the new City park located at Union Ave. NE (in the Heather Downs neighborhood), and approve the total budget of \$10,000 from Fund 125. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3836

Vacation: Field Ave NE, ESM Consulting Engineers, VAC-06-004

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read setting a public hearing date on 11/6/2006 to vacate a 30-foot by 60-foot portion of 140th Ave. SE (Field Ave. NE), north of NE 2nd St. (ESM Consulting Engineers). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation: BNSF Railroad Track, Severing at Wilburton

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE SUBJECT OF THE SEVERING OF THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD TRACK AT WILBURTON TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Community Services: 1% for Art from Transportation Projects

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF 1% FOR ART FROM TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

School District: Activities

Councilwoman Nelson reviewed Renton School District announcements and activities, which included: the recognition of Hazen High School social studies teacher and department chair Brett Crueger as a recipient of the Washington State University "Educators in Excellence" award, and the recognition of Renton High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America program students as recipients of a silver medal from a national competition.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:55 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
October 2, 2006